

The LECs operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them.

As a consumer I have benefitted tremendously from the service and the quick, knowledgeable attention I always get from stic.net's tech help. Friends with big name ISP's complain about problems I have never had or imagined with stic.net. And, their service is the most reasonably priced I have heard of for the product. Anything that threatens my economical access to such a good product and service is not in the interest of the consumer, for whom big government and its agencies exist. Wherever true competition has been reduced in the tech/communication field the consumer is hurt. Competition should be fair to the bigs and the smalls but should not eliminate the smalls. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country.